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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD BY POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 0687

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS UR SREF (GALICH, ALEKSANDR) PINT

SUBJECT: SOVIET EXIT VISA REFUSAL: ALEKSANDR GALICH

REF: MOSCOW 16071; MOSCOW A-4; MOSCOW 345

1. SOVIET WRITER-BALLADEER ALEKSANDR GALICH INFORMED CONSOFF BY PHONE JAN 14 THAT MOSCOW OVIR HAS REFUSED HIS APPLICATION TO VISIT US. HE STATED THAT, AS CUSTOMARY, NO REASON GIVEN FOR REFUSAL. GALICH SAID HE PLANS APPEAL (PRESUMABLY TO ALL-UNION OVIR) AND THAT HE WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS HIS CASE.

2. COMMENT: GALICH APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO OVIR TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AGO, WHICH IN EMBASSY EXPERIENCE IS SHORT PERIOD FOR EXIT VISA DECISION. TIMING OF REFUSAL SUGGESTS, IN EMBASSY VIEW, THAT IT IS RELATED TO GALICH'S PUBLIC DEFENSE OF SOLZHENITSYN CONCERNING PUBLICATION GULAG ARCHIPELAGO. AS REPORTED MOSCOW 345, IN REVERSING HIS PREVIOUSLY STATED DETERMINATION AVOID PUBLICITY WHILE OVIR CONSIDERING HIS APPLICATION, GALICH CLEARLY MUST HAVE CONSIDERED THAT CRUCIAL ISSUE AT STAKE.

3. ALTHOUGH GALICH HAS NOT REQUESTED TO DATE DIRECT  
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INVOLVEMENT OF EMBASSY IN HIS APPLICATION (MADE ON BASIS

INVITATION FROM COUSIN IN NYC), SUCH REQUEST NOT UNLIKELY  
IF HIS APPEAL IS DENIED. EMBASSY WILL BE PREPARED IN SUCH  
EVENT TO INTERCEDE WITH MFA, AS WE HAVE DONE IN CASES OF  
LESSER KNOWN SOVIET CITIZENS SEEKING JOIN RELATIVES IN  
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